

REMARKS

Claims 15 and 19 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Claims 2-8 and 10 have been allowed. Accordingly, claims 2-8, 10 and 15-22 are currently pending in the application.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the certified priority document.

35 U.S.C. §112

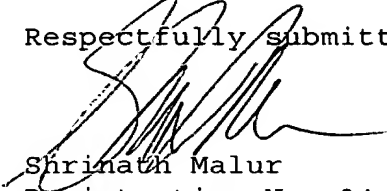
Claims 15 and 19 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any further objections that can be overcome by Examiner's amendment.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is

now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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